(d) if so, how many of them are paid and at what rates ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (d) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Privatisation in Various Sectors

1287. MAULANA OBAYDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the PRIME MINIS TER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme under the consideration of Ministry of Labour for bringing about privatisation in its various sectors; and

(b) if so. the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THL MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Minimum Wages for Unskilled workers

1288. MISS SAROI KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a majority of the State Governments/U.T. Government have failed so far to heed the Centre's advice to raise the minimum wages for unskilled workers in the unorganised sector ;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise/ U.T.-wise ; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The State Governments have been reviewing/revising the minimum wages from time to time as stipulated under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 and as per the advice of the Oni.tal Government.

(b) and <c) Does not arise. .

Welfare Schemes for Agricultural Labour

1289. SHRI R.T. GOPALAN: Will th« PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of welfare schemes implemented by Government for agricultural labourers during the last three years, Statewise ; and

(b) the number of agricultural labourers benefited by these schemes State-wise ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Major existing welfare schemes for the Welfare of Rural Workers including Agricultural Labourers are listed below :—

(i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP).

(ii) Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM).

(iii) National Rural Employment Programme (NREP).

(iv) Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP).

In addition, there are several Insurance, Group Insurance and Insurance-cum-Retirement Benefit Special Schemes run by State Governments.

(b) State-wise statistics of beneficiaries arc not maintained.

Labour Participation in Management

1290. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have encourged labour participation in the Management of public enterprises, companies, if so, what is the percentage and whether it varies from State to State; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to impress upon public undertakings to accommodate labour participation in Management ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE xMINISTRY. OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Thf Government introduced a scheme for employees' participation in management in